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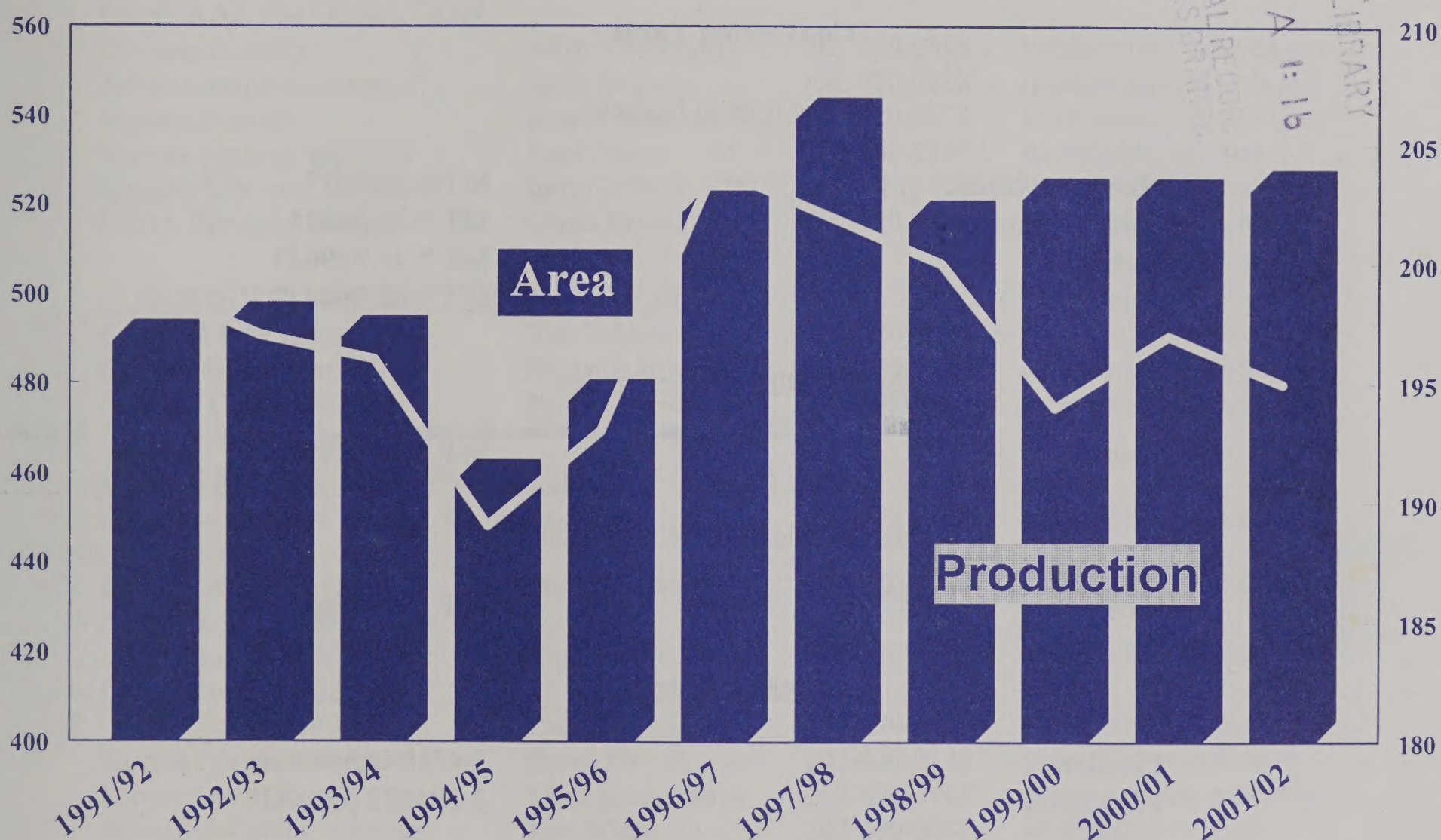
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Foreign wheat area for 2002/03 most likely will be above the level achieved last season with regional differences. In the European Union, area is expected to be sharply higher due to improved planting conditions and stronger prices when wheat was planted last fall. Plantings in the previous year, were reduced well below intended levels by prolonged extremely wet conditions. In Eastern Europe, area is expected to decline based on lower plantings in Romania and Poland. In Asia, planted acreage in China and Pakistan is projected to be smaller while that of India is expected to expand. In Northwest Africa and the Middle East, planted acreage is projected to be similar to last year. Mexico and Canada are projected to have lower planted acreage due to lower water supplies for Mexico, and better returns from competing crops for Canada.

This report uses information from the Foreign Agricultural Services' global network of agricultural attaches and counselors; official statistics of foreign governments and other foreign source materials; and the results of economic and satellite imagery analysis. Estimates of foreign area, yield and production are from the Production Estimates and Crop Assessment Division, FAS, and are reviewed by USDA's Inter-Agency Commodity Estimates Committees. Estimates of U.S. area, yield, and production are from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Numbers within the report may not add to totals because of rounding. This report reflects official USDA estimates released in the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE-384) March 8, 2002.

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Metric tons to bushels

Wheat, soybeans	=	MT * 36.7437
Corn, sorghum, rye	=	MT * 39.36825
Barley	=	MT * 45.929625
Oats	=	MT * 68.894438

Metric tons to 480-lb bales

Cotton	=	MT * 4.592917
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Metric tons to hundredweight

Rice	=	MT * 22.04622
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Area & Weight

1 hectare	=	2.471044 acres
1 kilogram	=	2.204622 pounds

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PRODUCTION BRIEFS

South Africa: Mild Weather Raises 2001/02 Corn Yield Prospects

South Africa's 2001/02 corn crop is forecast at 9.0 million tons, up 0.5 million or 6 percent from last month, and up 1.5 million or 20 percent from last year. Estimated area for 2001/02 is 3.4 million hectares, up 4 percent from last year, as farmers expanded corn area in response to high domestic prices, low stock levels, and strong export demand. The forecast yield of 2.68 tons per hectare is higher than last year and above the 5-year average. According to South Africa's National Crop Estimates Committee (NCEC), above-average corn yields are expected in every province this year. The first NCEC corn production estimate for the 2001/02 season is 9.18 million tons (8.86 million from the commercial sector, 0.32 million from the developing sector), up 1.7 million or 23 percent from last year.

Above-normal spring rainfall (November-December) provided abundant soil moisture for planting and germination across the Corn Belt but caused locally-significant planting delays in southern and western crop areas. The weather in January and February was generally drier than normal but mostly favorable, without the summer drought, excessive heat, or flooding seen in previous years. Timely rainfall in February eased dry conditions which had developed in the eastern Corn Belt during January, while late-planted corn in Free State and North West benefited from scattered showers in late-February and early March. Temperatures have been near normal to below normal this season, limiting the impact of dryness on crop development. The only area of major concern is Northern Province, where several weeks of dry and hot weather have created stressful conditions. Most of the 2001/02 corn crop is now in the grain-fill stage. Harvesting will start in April and may extend into July.

China: Higher Corn Production Estimate for 2001/02

China's 2001/02 corn crop is estimated at 110.0 million tons, up 2.0 million or 2 percent from last month and up 4 percent from last year. The revision is based on preliminary harvest results from Chinese government sources which indicate better-than-expected yields, particularly in the Northeast. The estimated corn area for 2001/02 is 23.5 million hectares, unchanged from last month, but up 2 percent from last year, as farmers reportedly switched from soybeans and wheat to corn in response to high corn prices. Estimated 2001/02 corn yield of 4.68 tons per hectare is slightly higher than last year, but lower than the 5-year average. Crop damage from a severe spring drought was partially offset by timely late-summer rainfall and favorable harvesting weather.

Mexico: 2001/02 Corn Production Estimate Increased

Mexico's 2001/02 corn production is estimated at 19.0 million tons, up 1.0 million from last month, and up 1.3 million or 7 percent from last year. Area is estimated at 7.87 million hectares, up 0.1 million from last month, and up 0.4 million from last year. The changes reflect greater harvested area than originally believed in the Bajio, the fertile south-central region of Mexico sometimes referred to as Mexico's Corn Belt. Dryness was a concern during the summer 2001 since most of Mexico's corn is a rainfed crop. The Bajio also has irrigated cornfields, but reservoir reserves in nearly every region of the country have been below normal for some time.

Australia: 2001/02 Wheat Production Forecast Increase

The 2001/02 wheat crop is estimated at 24.0 million tons, up 0.5 million or 2 percent from last month and up 0.2 million or 1 percent from last year. Estimated area is 12.5 million hectares, up 0.5 million or 4 percent from last month, but down 0.5 million or 4 percent from last year. There are indications that planted areas in South Australia and Western Australia increased over earlier estimates. The Australia winter growing season began with dryness in the western and northeastern wheat areas. However, the minimal rains were timely and proved sufficient for supporting crop growth and averting the earlier anticipated yield declines in drought-affected Western Australia. Growing conditions in South Australia were excellent for most of the season and yields are expected to exceed previous records.

Argentina: Corn Production Estimated Higher

Argentina's 2001/02 corn crop is currently forecast at 12.0 million tons, up 0.5 million from last month, but down 3.5 million or 23 percent from last year. Production is estimated higher as a result of an upward revision in forecast crop yields. Summer weather has been generally favorable, while early harvest results show crop yields at levels higher than previously expected. Field travel by USDA personnel during February confirmed that crop outlook had improved with national yields now forecast above average at 5.58 tons per hectare.

Brazil: Record Soybean Area and Production Forecast

Brazil's 2001/02 soybean crop is currently estimated at a record 43.5 million tons, up 1.0 million from last month and up 4.5 million or 12 percent from last year's bumper harvest. Production is estimated higher as a result of an upward revision in forecast crop acreage and excellent yield prospects over much of the growing region. Newly released Brazilian Government and private industry estimates revealed that Brazilian farmers increased soybean acreage above previous expectations. Corn and cotton crops suffered declines in sown area from last year, as land was diverted for more lucrative soybean production. Planting surveys indicate that corn and cotton acreage declined roughly 10 and 14 percent respectively. USDA currently forecasts 2001/02 soybean area at a record 15.9 million hectares, up 0.25 million from last month and up 1.93 million or 14 percent from last year.

Bangladesh: 2001/02 Rice Forecast Increased

The 2001/02 rice crop is forecast at a record 25.5 million tons on a milled basis, up 2.5 million from last month or 11 percent, and up 0.4 million or 2 percent from last year. The area forecast is at 11.0 million hectares, up 0.1 million from last month and from last year. Bangladesh has three rice seasons, the aus, aman, and boro. The aus season rice crop is planted during March-April and harvested during June-July. The aman season rice is planted in June-July and harvested during November-December. The boro season rice is planted in December-January and harvested during May-June. The 2001/02 aus and aman crops were slightly below last season's production. However, the boro crop, or spring crop, is currently in the vegetative stage, and expected to benefit from favorable weather and an adequate supply of inputs, leading to a record production level.

Pakistan: 2001/02 Cotton Forecast Increased

The 2001/02 cotton crop is estimated at 8.0 million bales, up 0.2 million from last month, but down 0.2 million or 2 percent from last year. Harvested area is estimated at 3.1 million hectares, unchanged from last month, but up 0.2 million or 7 percent from last year. The 8.0 million bale forecast is based upon cotton arrivals at gins as of March 1. Cotton arrival data for March 1 typically account for 96 to 98 percent of the final arrivals. Applying a factor of 97 percent and including a small allowance for unreported production results in an estimate of 8.0 million bales.

FEATURE ARTICLE

2002/2003 WINTER WHEAT PROSPECTS IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

This article presents early indications of Northern Hemisphere winter grain prospects outside the United States based on reports from U.S. agricultural attaches stationed overseas and analysis by Washington-based USDA personnel. The first forecast of 2002/2003 area, yield, and production by country for wheat will be released May 10.

For the European Union (EU), area is expected to rebound sharply from last year's weather-reduced levels. Prolonged excessive moisture cut plantings in the fall of 2000 in several countries from intended levels. Although prices have dropped sharply in recent months, they were strong last fall when most of the EU's wheat was planted. Also, the equalization of compensatory payments for oilseeds and grains promoted increased wheat plantings because of better prospective revenue for farmers. COCERAL, the EU's major grain trade lobby, has estimated wheat area will rise 14 percent in 2002 and many analysts are forecasting a record crop.

Last year's net surplus producers- UK and France, and net deficit producers- Spain and Italy, are expected to rebound from poor crop situations. In general, good weather throughout the fall and winter and increased wheat plantings should increase yields. Area gains are expected to be the strongest in the U.K. according to a DEFRA (Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) survey in December which showed plantings up by 43 percent from a year earlier. Many market analysts are expecting a record wheat crop in the U.K. The French Farm Ministry is estimating wheat area will be up 9 percent from last year and about equal to area in 2000. According to Ag Attache reports, Italy's downward trend in bread wheat area has changed directions this year. Italian farmers have shifted from soybeans to bread wheat due to prospects of lower incomes for soybeans vis-à-vis wheat. Compensatory payments for soybeans have decreased to the same level as grains. This has made planting wheat more attractive, since it has a lower cost of production relative to soybeans, a commodity that uses more inputs compared to wheat.

In Eastern Europe, area in general, is expected to be lower than the previous year. Area planted is slightly higher for Bulgaria and December/January snow has protected winter crops and provided needed moisture after a dry fall. In Romania, area is down due to lower prices, and yields are

expected to be lower due to dry climatic conditions in the south and delayed plantings in other regions. In Poland, area may decrease as the lack of snow coverage during low temperatures in the western regions may have resulted in increased winterkill.

For the Asian region, India is forecast to expand acreage due to high government procurement prices for wheat vis-à-vis competing crops such as coarse grains and pulses. Despite the early monsoon withdrawal, beneficial rains in October provided excellent planting and sowing conditions. Yields are expected to be high due to good rains since mid-January, especially in non-irrigated areas such as Uttar Pradesh, a major wheat growing area accounting for more than 30 percent of total wheat production. In other states, such as Punjab and Haryana, accounting for more than 30 percent of the total wheat production, rainfall was 50 percent of normal which should not affect yields since these areas are heavily irrigated. At present, wheat area in Madhya Pradesh, accounting for 11 percent of total wheat production, is somewhat of a concern due to earlier dryness, however it was offset by beneficial rains in February. In Pakistan, area is expected to be smaller as a result of inadequate irrigation supplies and lower-than-expected returns. Pakistan is experiencing its worst irrigation shortage since the 1970's. There is an on-going severe drought and decreased use of phosphatic fertilizer and herbicides, which indicate lower yields. Afghanistan is not expected to rebound from the record-low harvest in 2001 due to insufficient rainfall and above-normal temperatures lowering already reduced irrigation water. Planted area for this crop was likely reduced due to reduced availability of seed, fertilizer, and fuel.

Acreage in China is expected to be smaller due to the government cutback on the price support program for wheat and an increase in the cost of water, both of which make planting cash crops instead of wheat more attractive for farmers. Wheat produced is expected to be of higher quality, which gives better returns and can absorb the higher water costs. The planting season for China's 2002/03 winter wheat concluded in October with mostly dry and warmer-than-normal fall weather caused soil moisture levels to drop significantly. Despite recent showers, moisture conditions in the most important wheat-growing provinces remain unfavorably dry.

In Russia, sown winter grain area is up roughly 2 million hectares. According to the Federal Weather Center in Russia, the amount to be replanted will be less than the average of the past 5 years. Winter grain plantings were slightly higher than a year earlier in Ukraine, but more of it will have to be replanted due to dry fall conditions. Much of the replanted area is expected to be seeded to barley due to the strong export demand. Lower prices and better returns from competing crops will be a factor for the spring wheat crops in Russia. Unlike the Ukraine, where 90 percent of the wheat comes from the winter crop, only about half of the wheat for Russia comes from the winter crop. The Russian government may be providing price support again for wheat in 2002/03.

In Northwest Africa, wheat acreage is expected to be similar to last season. Prevailing dry weather still exists which has increased crop stress for winter wheat. Morocco is expected to have smaller planted area due to lack of adequate rainfall which resulted in late plantings and some farmers not being able to plant in time at all. In Algeria, most of the wheat is produced in the central and eastern area. According to the Ag Attache report, the new crop in this area has been in rain deficit since the beginning of this year. However, in early March, beneficial rains in all of Morocco and central Algeria could help improve prospects. In Tunisia, conditions have not improved compared to last planting season, which had below normal rainfall conditions. During the new crop planting season rainfall has been 50 percent of the normal from November through March compared to a 70 percent of normal rainfall during last year at the same time period. After January, rainfall diminished sharply

compared to last year whereas for last year's crop there was more continuous rains at these timely periods.

In the Middle East, planted area is expected to be similar to last season. For Iran, normal precipitation has occurred for most of the country, however, precipitation in the major rainfed wheat region in the northwest has been less than normal. Rainfed wheat in Iran accounts for approximately 30-40 percent of production, and irrigated wheat accounts for 70 percent of production. After experiencing three years of consecutive droughts, most of the irrigated wheat regions in Iran require favorable rainfall to recharge water reservoirs and groundwater reserves. Last year, Turkey's harvested acreage and production was lower than average due to localized drought conditions in Central Anatolia, where 30-40 percent of Turkey's wheat production occurs. However, Turkey's wheat production for this year is expected to be above last year's poor harvest. This year's winter wheat crop in Turkey was planted late due to poor rainfall, however, timely precipitation after mid-November boosted moisture reserves for winter wheat development throughout the country.

In the Americas, for Mexico, area planted is expected to be lower than 2001/02 due to lower yields and limited water supplies caused by continuing dry weather. Canada is expected to have a lower area due to better returns from competing crops, especially canola. However, better yields are expected compared to last year's drought-ravaged yields.

TABLE 1
U.S. Crop Acreage, Yield, and Production

COMMODITY	Planted Area			Harvested Area			Yield			Production		
	1999/00	2000/01	Proj. 2001/02	1999/00	2000/01	Proj. 2001/02	1999/00	2000/01	Proj. 2001/02	1999/00	2000/01	Proj. 2001/02
	--Million acres--			--Million acres--			--Bushels per acre--			--Million bushels--		
All Wheat	62.7	62.6	59.6	53.8	53.1	48.7	42.7	42.0	40.2	2,299	2,232	1,958
Winter	46.4	43.4	41.1	40.1	35.1	31.3	46.9	44.7	43.5	1,881	1,566	1,361
Other	16.3	19.2	18.5	13.7	18.0	17.4	30.5	37.0	34.3	418	666	597
Soybeans	73.7	74.3	74.1	72.4	72.4	73.0	36.6	38.1	39.6	2,654	2,758	2,891
Corn	77.4	79.6	75.8	70.5	72.4	68.8	133.8	136.9	138.2	9,431	9,915	9,507
Sorghum	9.3	9.2	10.3	8.5	7.7	8.6	69.7	60.9	59.9	595	471	515
Barley	5.2	5.9	5.0	4.7	5.2	4.3	59.2	61.1	58.2	280	319	250
Oats	4.7	4.5	4.4	2.5	2.3	1.9	59.6	64.2	61.3	146	150	117
							--Pounds per acre--			--Million CWT--		
Rice	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.3	5,866	6,281	6,429	206.0	190.9	213.0
										--Million 480-pound bales--		
All Cotton	14.9	15.5	15.8	13.4	13.1	13.8	607	632	698	17.0	17.2	20.1

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TABLE 2
World Crop Production Summary

Commodity	World	Total Foreign	North America			Europe			FSU-12	Asia				South America		Selected Other			All Others	
			United States	Canada	Mexico	European Union	Oth. Europe	W. Europe		Eastern Europe	China	India	Indonesia	Pakistan	Thailand	Argentina	Brazil	Australia		South Africa
---Million metric tons---																				
<u>Wheat</u>																				
1999/00	586.0	523.4	62.6	26.9	3.1	96.8	0.9	28.2	64.7	113.9	70.8	0.0	17.9	0.0	15.7	2.4	24.8	1.7	16.5	39.3
2000/01 prel.	583.2	522.4	60.8	26.8	3.3	105.2	0.9	28.4	63.1	99.6	76.4	0.0	21.1	0.0	16.5	1.7	23.8	2.3	17.5	35.8
2001/02 proj.																				
Feb.	578.6	525.4	53.3	21.3	3.3	91.8	0.9	35.9	91.3	94.0	68.5	0.0	19.0	0.0	15.7	3.0	23.5	2.5	15.0	39.8
Mar.	579.0	525.8	53.3	21.3	3.3	91.6	0.9	35.9	91.3	94.0	68.8	0.0	19.0	0.0	15.7	3.0	24.0	2.5	15.0	39.6
<u>Coarse Grains</u>																				
1999/00	876.4	613.3	263.2	26.8	26.2	103.0	1.7	54.6	40.5	137.2	30.5	6.2	1.8	4.1	21.5	32.6	8.7	11.1	9.2	97.6
2000/01 prel.	859.7	586.5	273.1	24.3	24.3	108.3	1.7	35.9	49.5	114.0	31.6	5.5	1.8	4.9	19.5	42.6	10.8	7.8	10.1	93.7
2001/02 proj.																				
Feb.	869.7	607.9	261.9	22.9	25.3	106.3	1.7	51.8	61.6	116.2	29.3	6.0	1.8	4.6	15.5	37.1	11.4	8.9	9.2	98.3
Mar.	875.2	613.3	261.9	22.9	26.3	106.6	1.7	51.8	61.6	118.4	30.9	6.0	1.8	4.6	16.0	37.1	11.4	9.4	9.2	97.5
<u>Rice (Milled)</u>																				
1999/00	408.7	402.2	6.5	0.0	0.3	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.9	138.9	89.7	33.4	5.2	16.5	0.6	7.8	0.8	0.0	0.2	106.2
2000/01 prel.	397.4	391.4	5.9	0.0	0.2	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.7	131.5	84.9	32.8	4.7	16.9	0.5	7.1	1.3	0.0	0.2	109.1
2001/02 proj.																				
Feb.	392.2	385.6	6.6	0.0	0.2	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.6	126.7	89.0	32.5	3.7	16.5	0.5	7.5	1.0	0.0	0.2	105.6
Mar.	395.3	388.7	6.6	0.0	0.2	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.6	126.0	89.0	33.1	3.7	16.5	0.5	7.5	0.9	0.0	0.2	108.9
<u>Total Grains 1/</u>																				
1999/00	1,871.1	1,538.8	332.2	53.7	29.5	201.5	2.6	82.9	106.1	390.0	191.0	39.6	24.8	20.6	37.8	42.7	34.2	12.8	25.9	243.0
2000/01 prel.	1,840.3	1,500.4	339.8	51.1	27.8	215.1	2.6	64.3	113.3	345.1	192.9	38.3	27.6	21.8	36.5	51.4	35.9	10.2	27.8	238.6
2001/02 proj.																				
Feb.	1,840.6	1,518.9	321.7	44.2	28.7	199.7	2.6	87.6	153.4	336.9	186.8	38.5	24.6	21.1	31.7	47.6	35.9	11.4	24.4	243.8
Mar.	1,849.5	1,527.8	321.7	44.2	29.7	199.8	2.6	87.6	153.4	338.4	188.7	39.1	24.6	21.1	32.2	47.6	36.3	11.9	24.4	246.0
<u>Oilseeds 2/</u>																				
1999/00	303.4	221.1	82.3	11.7	0.5	16.7	0.1	6.5	11.0	45.8	22.3	2.3	4.4	0.5	27.8	35.6	3.8	0.9	2.2	29.1
2000/01 prel.	313.0	228.1	84.9	9.9	0.4	14.2	0.1	4.7	11.3	51.1	20.7	2.1	4.0	0.5	31.2	40.8	3.2	1.2	1.9	30.9
2001/02 proj.																				
Feb.	323.8	233.9	89.9	6.7	0.4	14.0	0.1	5.2	9.2	53.0	24.4	2.2	3.8	0.5	32.6	44.1	2.9	1.2	1.9	31.8
Mar.	324.7	234.8	89.9	6.7	0.4	13.9	0.1	5.2	9.2	52.6	24.4	2.2	3.8	0.5	32.6	45.1	2.9	1.2	1.9	32.0
---Million 480 pound bales---																				
<u>Cotton</u>																				
1999/00	87.3	70.4	17.0	0.0	0.7	2.6	0.0	0.0	7.3	17.6	12.2	0.0	8.6	0.0	0.6	3.1	3.5	0.1	3.6	10.4
2000/01 prel.	88.5	71.3	17.2	0.0	0.4	2.5	0.0	0.0	6.4	20.3	10.9	0.0	8.2	0.0	0.7	4.1	3.7	0.2	3.6	10.3
2001/02 proj.																				
Feb.	96.9	76.8	20.1	0.0	0.4	2.4	0.0	0.0	7.2	24.4	11.8	0.0	7.8	0.0	0.3	3.3	3.0	0.1	3.9	12.0
Mar.	97.2	77.1	20.1	0.0	0.4	2.6	0.0	0.0	7.2	24.4	11.8	0.0	8.0	0.0	0.3	3.3	3.0	0.1	3.9	11.9

1/ Includes wheat, coarse grains, and rice (milled) shown above.

2/ Includes soybean, cottonseed, peanut (inshell), sunflowerseed, rapeseed for individual countries. Copra and palm kernel are added to world totals.

Note: Entries of 0.0 indicate no reported or insignificant production.

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TABLE 3
Wheat Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area			Yield			Production			Change in Production			
	Prel.			Prel.			Prel.			From last month		From last year	
	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02 Proj.	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02 Proj.	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02 Proj.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	216.64	218.91	214.97	2.70	2.66	2.69	585.97	583.20	578.64	0.39	0.07	-4.16	-0.71
United States	21.78	21.50	19.69	2.87	2.83	2.71	62.57	60.76	53.28	0.00	0.00	-7.48	-12.31
Total Foreign	194.86	197.40	195.28	2.69	2.65	2.69	523.40	522.44	525.37	0.39	0.07	3.32	0.63
Major Exporters													
European Union	45.78	48.24	46.44	3.59	3.57	3.28	164.13	172.31	152.26	0.36	0.24	-19.69	-11.43
France	17.09	17.88	16.64	5.66	5.89	5.51	96.77	105.24	91.76	-0.14	-0.15	-13.62	-12.94
United Kingdom	5.11	5.20	4.83	7.24	7.22	6.63	37.00	37.53	32.00	0.00	0.00	-5.53	-14.72
Germany	1.85	2.09	1.64	8.05	8.01	7.09	14.87	16.70	11.60	0.00	0.00	-5.10	-30.54
Canada	2.60	2.97	2.90	7.54	7.28	7.86	19.62	21.62	22.80	0.00	0.00	1.18	5.45
Australia	10.37	10.96	11.00	2.59	2.45	1.94	26.90	26.80	21.30	0.00	0.00	-5.50	-20.53
Argentina	12.17	13.00	12.00	2.03	1.83	1.96	24.76	23.77	23.50	0.50	2.13	0.23	0.98
	6.15	6.39	6.80	2.55	2.58	2.31	15.70	16.50	15.70	0.00	0.00	-0.80	-4.85
Major Importers													
China	90.42	90.68	92.68	2.52	2.31	2.62	227.54	209.85	242.76	0.00	0.00	32.91	15.68
FSU-12	28.86	26.65	25.20	3.95	3.74	3.73	113.88	99.64	94.00	0.00	0.00	-5.64	-5.66
Russia	41.81	42.93	45.72	1.55	1.47	2.00	64.75	63.12	91.28	0.00	0.00	28.16	44.61
Ukraine	23.00	23.20	23.80	1.35	1.48	1.97	31.00	34.45	46.90	0.00	0.00	12.45	36.14
Kazakhstan	5.93	5.16	6.90	2.29	1.98	3.09	13.59	10.20	21.30	0.00	0.00	11.10	108.88
Baltic States	8.73	10.50	10.70	1.28	0.87	1.19	11.20	9.10	12.70	0.00	0.00	3.60	39.56
Eastern Europe	0.55	0.60	0.57	2.40	3.03	2.77	1.31	1.81	1.59	0.00	0.00	-0.22	-12.27
Poland	8.23	8.94	9.90	3.43	3.18	3.62	28.20	28.39	35.86	0.00	0.00	7.48	26.33
Iran	2.58	2.64	2.65	3.50	3.23	3.51	9.05	8.50	9.30	0.00	0.00	0.80	9.41
Egypt	6.00	6.00	6.00	1.42	1.25	1.25	8.50	7.50	7.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Morocco	1.04	1.19	1.00	6.14	5.34	6.22	6.35	6.35	6.23	0.00	0.00	-0.12	-1.89
Brazil	2.69	2.90	2.70	0.80	0.48	1.22	2.15	1.38	3.30	0.00	0.00	1.92	138.96
	1.25	1.47	1.59	1.92	1.13	1.89	2.40	1.66	3.00	0.00	0.00	1.34	80.72
Other Foreign	58.66	58.49	56.16	2.25	2.40	2.32	131.73	140.29	130.35	0.03	0.03	-9.90	-7.06
India	27.40	27.49	25.00	2.58	2.78	2.74	70.78	76.37	68.50	0.26	0.38	-7.61	-9.96
Turkey	8.65	8.70	8.60	1.91	2.01	1.74	16.50	17.50	15.00	0.00	0.00	-2.50	-14.29
Pakistan	8.23	8.46	8.30	2.17	2.49	2.31	17.85	21.08	19.00	0.02	0.12	-2.06	-9.75
Mexico	0.64	0.68	0.69	4.77	4.85	4.71	3.05	3.30	3.25	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-1.52
Saudi Arabia	0.40	0.40	0.40	4.50	4.50	4.50	1.80	1.80	1.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Africa	0.72	0.93	0.96	2.40	2.51	2.60	1.73	2.35	2.49	0.00	0.00	0.14	6.00
Others	12.62	11.83	12.21	1.59	1.51	1.66	20.02	17.89	20.31	-0.25	-1.24	2.17	12.12

TABLE 4
Total Coarse Grain Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area			Yield			Production			Change in Production						
	Prel.			Prel.			Prel.			From last month		From last year				
	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02 Proj.	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02 Proj.	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02 Proj.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent			
										Million metric tons						
World	300.51	296.97	298.61	298.48	2.92	2.89	2.91	2.93	876.43	859.67	869.74	875.16	5.41	0.62	15.49	1.80
United States	35.05	35.62	33.93	33.93	7.51	7.67	7.72	7.72	263.17	273.13	261.86	261.86	0.00	0.00	-11.27	-4.13
Total Foreign	265.46	261.36	264.68	264.55	2.31	2.24	2.30	2.32	613.26	586.54	607.88	613.30	5.41	0.89	26.76	4.56
Major Exporters																
Canada	49.55	46.99	47.28	47.11	4.14	3.76	3.70	3.78	205.25	176.50	174.90	178.20	3.29	1.88	1.70	0.96
Argentina	6.93	7.12	7.10	7.10	3.87	3.42	3.23	3.23	26.83	24.33	22.94	22.94	0.00	0.00	-1.39	-5.72
Australia	4.32	3.94	3.34	3.34	4.96	4.96	4.65	4.80	21.46	19.53	15.51	16.01	0.50	3.22	-3.51	-17.99
South Africa	3.93	5.34	5.44	5.34	2.21	2.03	2.10	2.14	8.69	10.85	11.39	11.44	0.05	0.44	0.59	5.48
China	4.78	4.11	4.28	4.24	2.31	1.91	2.08	2.22	11.05	7.85	8.91	9.41	0.50	5.61	1.56	19.85
	29.58	26.49	27.13	27.10	4.64	4.30	4.28	4.37	137.22	113.95	116.16	118.41	2.24	1.93	4.45	3.91
Major Importers																
FSU-12	77.69	76.69	79.15	79.30	2.93	2.89	3.14	3.15	227.76	221.95	248.57	249.86	1.29	0.52	27.91	12.58
Russia	31.81	31.23	32.83	32.83	1.27	1.59	1.88	1.88	40.46	49.52	61.58	61.58	0.00	0.00	12.07	24.37
Ukraine	20.90	19.60	20.60	20.60	1.04	1.44	1.71	1.71	21.80	28.20	35.15	35.15	0.00	0.00	6.95	24.65
Kazakstan	5.84	6.45	6.90	6.90	1.81	2.01	2.46	2.46	10.59	12.99	16.97	16.97	0.00	0.00	3.97	30.57
Baltic States	2.03	1.97	2.07	2.07	1.34	1.05	1.26	1.26	2.72	2.08	2.60	2.60	0.00	0.00	0.52	25.30
European Union	1.11	1.01	0.92	0.92	1.58	2.20	2.08	2.08	1.75	2.23	1.92	1.92	0.00	0.00	-0.31	-13.93
Germany	19.02	19.40	19.31	19.29	5.42	5.58	5.51	5.53	103.03	108.32	106.32	106.61	0.30	0.28	-1.71	-1.58
France	4.03	4.05	4.09	4.09	6.16	5.84	6.49	6.49	24.84	23.65	26.50	26.50	0.00	0.00	2.85	12.05
Eastern Europe	3.74	3.85	3.98	3.98	7.33	7.45	7.18	7.18	27.43	28.67	28.53	28.53	0.00	0.00	-0.14	-0.49
Poland	15.84	14.90	15.68	15.68	3.45	2.41	3.30	3.30	54.65	35.88	51.75	51.75	0.00	0.00	15.87	44.22
Romania	6.12	6.18	6.09	6.09	2.73	2.24	2.66	2.66	16.70	13.84	16.16	16.16	0.00	0.00	2.32	16.75
Czech Rep.	3.83	3.30	3.75	3.75	3.12	1.71	2.75	2.75	11.95	5.66	10.31	10.31	0.00	0.00	4.65	82.23
Mexico	0.69	0.63	0.65	0.65	4.01	3.50	4.14	4.14	2.77	2.22	2.67	2.67	0.00	0.00	0.45	20.41
Other W. Europe	9.54	9.79	10.05	10.22	2.74	2.48	2.52	2.57	26.18	24.30	25.30	26.30	1.00	3.95	2.00	8.23
	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	4.58	4.58	4.58	4.58	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Foreign																
Thailand	138.23	137.68	138.25	138.15	1.30	1.37	1.33	1.34	180.25	188.09	184.41	185.24	0.82	0.45	-2.86	-1.52
India	1.31	1.37	1.34	1.34	3.13	3.58	3.43	3.43	4.10	4.90	4.60	4.60	0.00	0.00	-0.30	-6.12
Brazil	29.52	30.30	28.85	28.85	1.03	1.04	1.02	1.07	30.48	31.63	29.30	30.93	1.63	5.57	-0.70	-2.21
Turkey	13.14	13.63	13.46	12.96	2.48	3.13	2.76	2.86	32.55	42.64	37.10	37.10	0.00	0.00	-5.54	-12.98
Indonesia	4.50	4.58	4.58	4.58	2.05	2.21	2.01	2.01	9.22	10.12	9.22	9.22	0.00	0.00	-0.90	-8.90
Philippines	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.07	1.83	2.00	2.00	6.20	5.50	6.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	9.09
Others	2.55	2.48	2.55	2.55	1.75	1.81	1.77	1.77	4.45	4.51	4.53	4.53	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.38
	84.21	82.33	84.48	84.87	1.11	1.08	1.11	1.09	93.25	88.80	93.67	92.86	-0.81	-0.86	4.06	4.57

TABLE 5
Corn Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2001/02 Proj.		Prel.		2001/02 Proj.		Prel.		2001/02 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	139.03	135.82	136.16	135.78	4.37	4.31	4.28	4.33	606.92	585.69	583.08	587.29	4.22	0.72	1.60	0.27
United States	28.53	29.32	27.85	27.85	8.40	8.59	8.67	8.67	239.55	251.85	241.49	241.49	0.00	0.00	-10.37	-4.12
Total Foreign	110.50	106.51	108.32	107.93	3.32	3.13	3.15	3.20	367.37	333.84	341.59	345.81	4.22	1.23	11.97	3.59
Major Exporters	32.82	29.03	29.05	29.01	4.75	4.44	4.41	4.52	155.85	129.00	128.00	131.00	3.00	2.34	2.00	1.55
Argentina	3.10	2.75	2.15	2.15	5.55	5.65	5.35	5.58	17.20	15.50	11.50	12.00	0.50	4.35	-3.50	-22.58
South Africa	3.81	3.23	3.40	3.36	2.77	2.33	2.50	2.68	10.56	7.50	8.50	9.00	0.50	5.88	1.50	20.00
China	25.90	23.06	23.50	23.50	4.94	4.60	4.60	4.68	128.09	106.00	108.00	110.00	2.00	1.85	4.00	3.77
Major Importers	20.55	20.98	21.78	21.94	4.50	3.84	4.21	4.24	92.52	80.61	91.72	93.13	1.40	1.53	12.52	15.54
Eastern Europe	6.87	6.30	6.96	6.96	4.47	2.67	4.03	4.03	30.71	16.79	28.04	28.04	0.00	0.00	11.26	67.07
Romania	3.00	2.70	3.00	3.00	3.50	1.67	2.80	2.80	10.50	4.50	8.40	8.40	0.00	0.00	3.90	86.67
Serbia	1.27	1.21	1.30	1.30	4.85	2.44	4.77	4.77	6.14	2.94	6.20	6.20	0.00	0.00	3.26	110.60
European Union	4.12	4.22	4.37	4.36	9.02	9.07	8.92	9.03	37.17	38.29	38.96	39.39	0.42	1.09	1.09	2.85
France	1.76	1.83	1.85	1.85	8.89	8.98	8.92	8.92	15.64	16.47	16.50	16.50	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.18
Italy	1.03	1.06	1.11	1.10	9.74	9.53	8.98	9.44	10.02	10.14	10.00	10.37	0.37	3.67	0.23	2.27
Mexico	7.26	7.51	7.70	7.87	2.65	2.36	2.34	2.41	19.24	17.70	18.00	19.00	1.00	5.56	1.30	7.34
FSU-12	2.26	2.90	2.71	2.71	2.25	2.59	2.36	2.36	5.08	7.52	6.40	6.40	0.00	0.00	-1.12	-14.94
Russia	0.70	0.80	0.70	0.70	1.57	1.94	1.14	1.14	1.10	1.55	0.80	0.80	0.00	0.00	-0.75	-48.39
Ukraine	0.69	1.28	1.15	1.15	2.52	3.01	3.13	3.13	1.74	3.85	3.60	3.60	0.00	0.00	-0.25	-6.44
Other W. Europe	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	4.00	4.05	4.04	4.25	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.09	-0.02	-19.05	-0.00	-4.49
Other Foreign	57.13	56.50	57.48	56.98	2.08	2.20	2.12	2.14	119.01	124.23	121.87	121.68	-0.19	-0.16	-2.55	-2.05
Thailand	1.15	1.21	1.18	1.18	3.39	3.88	3.73	3.73	3.90	4.70	4.40	4.40	0.00	0.00	-0.30	-6.38
Brazil	12.58	12.97	12.80	12.30	2.52	3.20	2.81	2.93	31.64	41.54	36.00	36.00	0.00	0.00	-5.54	-13.33
India	6.43	6.56	6.40	6.40	1.78	1.84	1.77	1.80	11.47	12.07	11.30	11.50	0.20	1.77	-0.57	-4.71
Canada	1.14	1.03	1.23	1.23	8.03	6.63	6.67	6.67	9.16	6.83	8.20	8.20	0.00	0.00	1.37	20.11
Indonesia	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.07	1.83	2.00	2.00	6.20	5.50	6.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	9.09
Philippines	2.55	2.48	2.55	2.55	1.75	1.81	1.77	1.77	4.45	4.51	4.53	4.53	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.38
Egypt	0.73	0.71	0.77	0.77	7.78	7.99	8.00	8.00	5.68	5.64	6.16	6.16	0.00	0.00	0.52	9.30
Zimbabwe	1.42	1.22	1.20	1.20	1.52	1.17	1.08	0.92	2.15	1.43	1.30	1.10	-0.20	-15.38	-0.33	-22.92
Others	28.14	27.32	28.35	28.35	1.58	1.54	1.55	1.54	44.36	42.03	43.98	43.79	-0.19	-0.43	1.77	4.20

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TABLE 6
Barley Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area						Yield						Production						Change in Production			
	Prel.			2001/02 Proj.			Prel.			2001/02 Proj.			Prel.			2001/02 Proj.			From last month		From last year	
	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent			
	Million hectares						Metric tons per hectare						Million metric tons									
World	55.27	55.08	56.89	57.25		2.31	2.45	2.49	2.47		127.84	134.97	141.77	141.40		-0.37	-0.26	6.44	4.77			
United States	1.92	2.11	1.74	1.74		3.19	3.29	3.13	3.13		6.10	6.94	5.43	5.43		0.00	0.00	-1.51	-21.69			
Total Foreign	53.35	52.97	55.15	55.52		2.28	2.42	2.47	2.45		121.74	128.03	136.34	135.97		-0.37	-0.27	7.94	6.20			
European Union	10.85	10.84	10.66	10.65		4.51	4.79	4.52	4.52		48.90	51.91	48.23	48.12		-0.11	-0.22	-3.80	-7.31			
Denmark	0.73	0.74	0.74	0.74		5.05	5.37	5.41	5.41		3.68	3.98	4.00	4.00		0.00	0.00	0.02	0.50			
France	1.53	1.57	1.70	1.70		6.22	6.31	5.82	5.82		9.54	9.93	9.90	9.90		0.00	0.00	-0.03	-0.25			
Germany	2.21	2.07	2.10	2.10		6.02	5.85	6.43	6.43		13.30	12.11	13.50	13.50		0.00	0.00	1.39	11.51			
Italy	0.35	0.34	0.34	0.33		3.72	3.67	3.49	3.37		1.31	1.26	1.19	1.12		-0.07	-5.88	-0.14	-11.25			
Spain	3.11	3.31	2.90	2.90		2.39	3.41	2.16	2.16		7.43	11.28	6.25	6.25		0.00	0.00	-5.03	-44.61			
United Kingdom	1.18	1.13	1.25	1.25		5.59	5.75	5.38	5.38		6.58	6.49	6.70	6.70		0.00	0.00	0.21	3.24			
FSU-12	16.32	15.88	17.19	17.19		1.30	1.58	2.03	2.03		21.27	25.04	34.81	34.81		0.00	0.00	9.77	39.00			
Russia	9.85	9.20	10.20	10.20		1.08	1.53	1.91	1.91		10.60	14.10	19.50	19.50		0.00	0.00	5.40	38.30			
Ukraine	3.48	3.69	3.90	3.90		1.85	1.86	2.62	2.62		6.43	6.87	10.20	10.20		0.00	0.00	3.33	48.43			
Kazakhstan	1.70	1.63	1.70	1.70		1.32	1.03	1.29	1.29		2.25	1.68	2.20	2.20		0.00	0.00	0.53	31.34			
Baltic States	0.73	0.65	0.60	0.60		1.58	2.25	2.19	2.19		1.16	1.47	1.31	1.31		0.00	0.00	-0.16	-11.10			
Eastern Europe	3.29	2.97	3.19	3.19		2.95	2.58	3.21	3.21		9.69	7.67	10.22	10.22		0.00	0.00	2.55	33.28			
Poland	1.11	1.10	1.10	1.10		3.07	2.54	3.00	3.00		3.40	2.78	3.30	3.30		0.00	0.00	0.52	18.58			
Czech Rep.	0.54	0.50	0.50	0.50		3.94	3.29	4.04	4.04		2.14	1.63	2.02	2.02		0.00	0.00	0.39	23.88			
Romania	0.55	0.35	0.50	0.50		1.85	2.14	3.00	3.00		1.02	0.75	1.50	1.50		0.00	0.00	0.75	100.00			
Canada	4.07	4.55	4.35	4.35		3.24	2.96	2.62	2.62		13.20	13.47	11.40	11.40		0.00	0.00	-2.07	-15.35			
Other W. Europe	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23		4.19	4.19	4.19	4.19		0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Norway	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18		3.53	3.53	3.53	3.53		0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Turkey	3.55	3.60	3.60	3.60		1.86	2.06	1.81	1.81		6.60	7.40	6.50	6.50		0.00	0.00	-0.90	-12.16			
Australia	2.60	3.68	3.70	3.70		1.94	1.96	1.97	2.03		5.03	7.20	7.30	7.50		0.20	2.74	0.30	4.22			
China	0.87	0.79	0.80	0.77		3.42	3.35	3.16	3.29		2.97	2.65	2.53	2.54		0.01	0.20	-0.11	-4.20			
Morocco	2.07	2.25	2.10	2.10		0.71	0.21	0.55	0.55		1.47	0.47	1.15	1.15		0.00	0.00	0.68	146.25			
India	0.78	0.73	0.75	0.75		1.88	2.00	2.00	1.90		1.47	1.45	1.50	1.43		-0.07	-4.53	-0.01	-1.04			
Others	8.00	6.81	7.99	8.39		1.13	1.23	1.31	1.20		9.03	8.37	10.45	10.05		-0.40	-3.83	1.69	20.16			

TABLE 7
Oats Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
	1999/00	Prel. 2000/01	Feb. 2001/02	Mar. Proj.	1999/00	Prel. 2000/01	Feb. 2001/02	Mar. Proj.	1999/00	Prel. 2000/01	Feb. 2001/02	Mar. Proj.	From last month	MMT	Percent	From last year
World	14.85	13.79	14.14	14.04	1.62	1.87	1.91	1.91	24.04	25.77	26.96	26.86	-0.10	-0.36	1.09	4.22
United States	0.99	0.94	0.77	0.77	2.14	2.30	2.20	2.20	2.12	2.17	1.70	1.70	0.00	0.00	-0.48	-21.88
Total Foreign	13.86	12.84	13.37	13.27	1.58	1.84	1.89	1.90	21.92	23.60	25.26	25.17	-0.10	-0.38	1.56	6.62
FSU-12	6.32	5.39	5.91	5.91	0.91	1.39	1.61	1.61	5.74	7.49	9.49	9.49	0.00	0.00	2.00	26.67
Russia	5.35	4.50	4.90	4.90	0.82	1.33	1.57	1.57	4.40	6.00	7.70	7.70	0.00	0.00	1.70	28.33
Ukraine	0.53	0.48	0.60	0.60	1.43	1.83	1.83	1.83	0.76	0.88	1.10	1.10	0.00	0.00	0.22	24.86
Belarus	0.29	0.30	0.30	0.30	1.26	1.73	2.00	2.00	0.37	0.52	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.08	15.38
Baltic States	0.16	0.14	0.14	0.14	1.29	1.96	1.67	1.67	0.20	0.28	0.24	0.24	0.00	0.00	-0.04	-14.29
Maj. Foreign Exporters	2.22	2.23	2.27	2.17	2.32	2.20	1.98	2.01	5.15	4.90	4.50	4.35	-0.15	-3.34	-0.55	-11.24
Canada	1.40	1.30	1.28	1.28	2.60	2.61	2.16	2.16	3.64	3.39	2.77	2.77	0.00	0.00	-0.62	-18.26
Australia	0.58	0.70	0.78	0.68	1.91	1.62	1.77	1.81	1.12	1.13	1.38	1.23	-0.15	-10.91	0.09	8.31
Argentina	0.24	0.23	0.21	0.21	1.65	1.61	1.67	1.67	0.40	0.38	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00	-0.03	-6.67
Other Foreign	5.15	5.08	5.05	5.05	2.10	2.15	2.18	2.19	10.82	10.93	11.03	11.09	0.05	0.49	0.15	1.41
China	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
European Union	1.91	1.95	1.89	1.89	3.23	3.53	3.50	3.53	6.16	6.89	6.62	6.68	0.05	0.82	-0.22	-3.15
France	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.11	4.52	4.55	4.29	4.29	0.55	0.50	0.45	0.45	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-10.00
Germany	0.27	0.24	0.21	0.21	5.00	4.59	5.24	5.24	1.34	1.09	1.10	1.10	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.20
Italy	0.13	0.15	0.15	0.15	3.00	3.00	2.33	2.70	0.40	0.46	0.35	0.40	0.05	14.86	-0.05	-11.84
Finland	0.39	0.40	0.40	0.40	2.54	3.50	3.50	3.50	0.99	1.40	1.40	1.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sweden	0.31	0.32	0.28	0.28	3.87	4.13	4.18	4.18	1.20	1.30	1.15	1.15	0.00	0.00	-0.15	-11.54
Eastern Europe	1.15	1.10	1.09	1.09	2.20	1.80	2.12	2.12	2.54	1.97	2.31	2.31	0.00	0.00	0.34	17.34
Czech Rep.	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	3.18	2.72	3.02	3.02	0.18	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.02	11.03
Poland	0.57	0.57	0.56	0.56	2.53	1.89	2.32	2.32	1.45	1.07	1.30	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.23	21.50
Serbia	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.07	1.82	1.52	1.92	1.92	0.12	0.10	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.03	30.21
Norway	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Turkey	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	1.35	1.29	1.33	1.33	0.64	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.86	0.81	0.84	0.84	-0.00	-0.00	0.03	3.69

TABLE 8

Rye Area, Yield, and Production

World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2001/02 Proj.		Prel.		2001/02 Proj.		Prel.		2001/02 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	9.11	9.30	9.58	9.57	2.12	2.05	2.38	2.38	19.27	19.06	22.82	22.79	-0.03	-0.13	3.73	19.59
United States	0.16	0.12	0.10	0.10	1.81	1.78	1.72	1.72	0.28	0.21	0.18	0.18	0.00	0.00	-0.04	-16.90
Total Foreign	8.95	9.18	9.47	9.47	2.12	2.05	2.39	2.39	18.99	18.84	22.64	22.61	-0.03	-0.13	3.77	20.01
FSU-12	4.68	4.99	5.37	5.37	1.42	1.59	1.87	1.87	6.67	7.92	10.05	10.05	0.00	0.00	2.13	26.96
Russia	3.40	3.50	3.60	3.60	1.41	1.56	1.83	1.83	4.80	5.45	6.60	6.60	0.00	0.00	1.15	21.10
Ukraine	0.62	0.64	0.90	0.90	1.48	1.52	2.00	2.00	0.92	0.97	1.80	1.80	0.00	0.00	0.83	86.34
Belarus	0.64	0.78	0.80	0.80	1.45	1.86	2.00	2.00	0.93	1.45	1.60	1.60	0.00	0.00	0.15	10.34
Baltic States	0.22	0.22	0.18	0.18	1.77	2.23	2.06	2.06	0.39	0.48	0.38	0.38	0.00	0.00	-0.11	-22.36
Major Exporter																
Canada	0.17	0.12	0.10	0.10	2.29	2.26	1.90	1.90	0.39	0.26	0.19	0.19	0.00	0.00	-0.07	-26.92
Other Foreign	3.88	3.86	3.82	3.82	2.98	2.64	3.15	3.14	11.55	10.18	12.03	12.00	-0.03	-0.25	1.81	17.81
Eastern Europe	2.43	2.31	2.29	2.29	2.32	1.91	2.36	2.36	5.65	4.41	5.41	5.41	0.00	0.00	1.00	22.69
Hungary	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	2.00	2.00	2.42	2.42	0.08	0.08	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.04	51.25
Poland	2.24	2.13	2.10	2.10	2.31	1.88	2.33	2.33	5.18	4.00	4.90	4.90	0.00	0.00	0.90	22.41
Czech Rep.	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.04	3.64	3.41	3.85	3.85	0.20	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.67
European Union	1.15	1.25	1.23	1.22	4.82	4.32	5.08	5.08	5.52	5.39	6.24	6.21	-0.03	-0.48	0.82	15.19
Denmark	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	4.86	5.14	5.50	5.50	0.25	0.26	0.33	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.07	25.95
France	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	4.54	4.57	4.17	4.17	0.19	0.16	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.00	-0.04	-21.88
Germany	0.75	0.84	0.82	0.82	5.79	4.93	6.13	6.13	4.33	4.15	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.85	20.37
Spain	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	1.78	2.04	2.04	2.04	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Austria	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	3.89	3.27	3.27	3.27	0.22	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sweden	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	5.42	5.42	5.42	5.42	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Turkey	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.12	1.10	1.03	1.04	1.04	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-4.55

TABLE 9
Sorghum Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.				Prel.				Prel.				From last month			
	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	40.62	40.29	40.51	40.50	1.46	1.34	1.36	1.38	59.10	54.06	55.26	55.98	0.71	1.29	1.92	3.54
United States	3.46	3.13	3.47	3.47	4.37	3.82	3.76	3.76	15.12	11.95	13.07	13.07	0.00	0.00	1.12	9.35
Total Foreign	37.16	37.16	37.03	37.03	1.18	1.13	1.14	1.16	43.98	42.11	42.19	42.91	0.71	1.69	0.80	1.89
India	10.40	9.99	9.70	9.70	0.85	0.77	0.72	0.77	8.86	7.72	7.00	7.50	0.50	7.14	-0.22	-2.80
China	0.98	0.89	0.94	0.94	3.31	2.90	2.87	3.13	3.24	2.58	2.70	2.94	0.24	8.89	0.36	13.87
Mexico	1.97	1.93	2.00	2.00	3.24	3.12	3.35	3.35	6.39	6.00	6.70	6.70	0.00	0.00	0.70	11.67
Nigeria	6.60	6.70	6.75	6.75	1.14	1.16	1.16	1.16	7.50	7.80	7.80	7.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sudan	5.80	6.00	6.00	6.00	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.42	2.35	2.50	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Argentina	0.72	0.67	0.65	0.65	4.63	4.63	4.62	4.62	3.35	3.10	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	-0.10	-3.23
Australia	0.62	0.82	0.80	0.80	3.40	2.58	2.75	2.75	2.12	2.11	2.20	2.20	0.00	0.00	0.09	4.31
Ethiopia	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.91	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Colombia	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	3.00	2.83	2.83	2.83	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Venezuela	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	1.77	1.50	1.50	1.50	0.46	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Egypt	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	4.84	4.69	4.69	4.69	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yemen	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tanzania	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Niger	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	0.43	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.65	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Africa	0.14	0.09	0.08	0.08	2.48	1.99	2.44	2.50	0.35	0.18	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.03	14.29
Thailand	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	5.29	5.44	5.47	5.47	1.02	1.07	1.06	1.05	5.38	5.81	5.77	5.75	-0.03	-0.47	-0.06	-1.05

TABLE 10
Rice Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area						Yield (Rough)						Production (Milled)						Change in Production			
	Prel.			2001/02 Proj.			Prel.			2001/02 Proj.			Prel.			2001/02 Proj.			From last month		From last year	
	1999/00	2000/01		Feb.	Mar.		1999/00	2000/01		Feb.	Mar.		1999/00	2000/01		Feb.	Mar.		MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
			Million hectares						Metric tons per hectare						Million metric tons							
World	154.87	151.69	150.72	150.08			3.93	3.90	3.88	3.93			408.67	397.39	392.20	395.32		3.12	0.80	-2.07	-0.52	
United States	1.42	1.23	1.34	1.34			6.58	7.04	7.21	7.21			6.50	5.94	6.57	6.57		0.00	0.00	0.63	10.60	
Total Foreign	153.45	150.46	149.38	148.74			3.90	3.88	3.85	3.90			402.17	391.45	385.63	388.75		3.12	0.81	-2.70	-0.66	
Major Exporters	65.31	64.10	64.08	64.17			3.05	2.98	3.05	3.04			132.28	126.94	129.84	129.84		0.00	0.00	2.90	2.28	
Vietnam	7.66	7.49	7.45	7.45			4.14	4.14	4.19	4.19			20.93	20.47	20.60	20.60		0.00	0.00	0.13	0.62	
Thailand	9.97	9.90	9.90	9.90			2.51	2.59	2.53	2.53			16.50	16.90	16.50	16.50		0.00	0.00	-0.40	-2.37	
India	45.16	44.36	44.70	44.79			2.98	2.87	2.99	2.98			89.70	84.87	89.00	89.00		0.00	0.00	4.13	4.87	
Pakistan	2.52	2.35	2.03	2.03			3.08	3.00	2.76	2.76			5.16	4.70	3.74	3.74		0.00	0.00	-0.96	-20.43	
Major Importers	22.50	22.23	22.21	22.30			3.79	3.76	3.78	3.84			54.64	53.42	53.73	54.72		0.99	1.84	1.30	2.43	
Indonesia	11.65	11.79	11.60	11.70			4.54	4.40	4.43	4.48			33.45	32.80	32.50	33.11		0.61	1.88	0.31	0.95	
Brazil	3.68	3.25	3.37	3.37			3.11	3.20	3.26	3.26			7.77	7.06	7.48	7.48		0.00	0.00	0.42	5.92	
European Union	0.40	0.40	0.39	0.39			6.79	6.18	6.34	6.57			1.75	1.57	1.61	1.62		0.01	0.43	0.05	3.45	
Iran	0.45	0.43	0.40	0.40			4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00			1.20	1.13	1.07	1.07		0.00	0.00	-0.07	-5.83	
Philippines	4.00	4.03	4.10	4.09			2.99	3.11	3.10	3.25			7.77	8.14	8.25	8.62		0.37	4.51	0.49	5.99	
Nigeria	1.66	1.65	1.65	1.65			2.01	2.02	2.12	2.12			2.00	2.00	2.10	2.10		0.00	0.00	0.10	5.00	
Other Foreign	65.64	64.13	63.08	62.27			4.79	4.81	4.68	4.79			215.25	211.09	202.06	204.19		2.13	1.06	-6.90	-3.27	
China	31.28	29.96	29.20	28.20			6.34	6.27	6.20	6.38			138.94	131.54	126.70	126.00		-0.70	-0.55	-5.54	-4.21	
Burma	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00			2.83	3.10	2.83	2.83			9.86	10.77	9.86	9.86		0.00	0.00	-0.91	-8.46	
Bangladesh	10.71	10.89	10.90	11.00			3.23	3.46	3.17	3.48			23.07	25.09	23.00	25.50		2.50	10.87	0.41	1.65	
Japan	1.79	1.77	1.71	1.71			6.41	6.70	6.63	6.63			8.35	8.64	8.25	8.25		0.00	0.00	-0.39	-4.47	
South Korea	1.07	1.07	1.07	1.08			6.63	6.71	7.00	6.88			5.26	5.29	5.52	5.52		0.00	0.00	0.22	4.23	
Egypt	0.65	0.66	0.56	0.56			8.91	9.31	9.77	9.77			3.79	3.97	3.58	3.58		0.00	0.00	-0.39	-9.84	
Taiwan	0.35	0.34	0.34	0.34			5.43	5.61	5.18	5.18			1.35	1.34	1.25	1.25		0.00	0.00	-0.10	-7.23	
FSU-12	0.46	0.35	0.31	0.31			2.86	3.14	2.79	2.79			0.86	0.71	0.57	0.57		0.00	0.00	-0.14	-19.63	
Russia	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17			3.59	3.44	2.89	2.89			0.39	0.38	0.32	0.32		0.00	0.00	-0.06	-15.79	
Australia	0.13	0.19	0.15	0.15			8.28	9.47	9.08	8.12			0.79	1.26	1.00	0.89		-0.11	-10.60	-0.37	-28.99	
Others	13.19	12.91	12.83	12.90			2.68	2.68	2.68	2.72			22.99	22.49	22.34	22.78		0.44	1.97	0.29	1.29	

TABLE 11
Total Oilseed Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area			Yield			Production			Change in Production			
	Prel.		2001/02 Proj.	Prel.		2001/02 Proj.	Prel.		2001/02 Proj.	From last month		From last year	
	1999/00	2000/01		2000/01	2000/01		2000/01	Feb.		Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT
World Total 1/ Total Foreign 1/ Copra Palm Kernel	--	--	--	--	--	--	303.40	312.98	323.80	0.88	0.27	11.70	3.74
	--	--	--	--	--	--	221.09	228.09	233.89	0.88	0.37	6.68	2.93
	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.44	5.71	5.69	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-0.37
	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.41	6.87	7.20	0.01	0.19	0.35	5.10
Major Oilseeds 2/ United States 2/	175.14	174.22	177.73	1.66	1.72	1.75	291.55	300.40	310.91	0.86	0.28	11.37	3.78
	37.15	36.81	37.33	2.22	2.31	2.41	82.32	84.89	89.91	0.00	0.00	5.02	5.92
Foreign Oilseeds 2/ South America Brazil	137.99	137.41	140.40	1.52	1.57	1.58	209.23	215.51	221.00	0.86	0.39	6.35	2.95
	29.39	30.46	32.86	2.32	2.54	2.51	68.12	77.23	81.68	1.23	1.50	5.67	7.34
	14.51	15.03	16.83	2.45	2.72	2.66	35.58	40.82	44.07	1.00	2.27	4.25	10.40
	Argentina	12.58	13.50	13.50	2.21	2.42	2.42	27.84	31.20	32.64	0.00	0.00	1.44
European Union France Italy Germany	1.40	1.57	1.51	2.22	2.35	2.26	3.10	3.69	3.47	-0.01	-0.43	-0.23	-6.38
	China	24.03	26.81	1.90	1.91	1.89	45.76	51.14	52.98	-0.41	-0.77	1.44	2.81
	India	30.37	29.24	0.73	0.71	0.80	22.28	20.73	24.40	0.00	0.00	3.68	17.73
	European Union	6.50	5.81	2.56	2.45	2.34	16.66	14.20	13.96	-0.03	-0.24	-0.28	-1.97
Spain United Kingdom FSU-12 Russia	2.26	2.01	1.98	2.94	2.78	2.48	6.64	5.59	4.92	0.00	0.00	-0.67	-11.99
	Italy	0.57	0.56	2.39	2.35	2.58	1.36	1.31	1.35	0.00	0.00	0.04	2.98
	Germany	1.23	1.11	3.55	3.30	3.36	4.38	3.65	3.97	0.00	0.00	0.32	8.79
	Spain	1.00	0.96	0.82	1.06	1.08	0.82	1.02	1.16	-0.10	-8.48	0.04	3.83
Ukraine Uzbekistan Turkmenistan Canada	0.54	0.40	0.44	3.23	2.88	2.61	1.74	1.16	1.15	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.61
	FSU-12	12.44	11.36	0.89	0.99	0.90	11.02	11.29	9.23	0.01	0.15	-2.04	-18.10
	Russia	6.27	5.19	0.74	0.85	0.72	4.62	4.41	3.20	0.00	0.00	-1.21	-27.40
	Ukraine	3.05	3.06	0.96	1.19	0.94	2.91	3.65	2.42	0.01	0.58	-1.22	-33.37
Poland Romania Hungary Turkey	1.50	1.42	1.43	1.43	1.36	1.47	2.15	1.92	2.10	0.00	0.00	0.18	9.37
	Turkmenistan	0.48	0.48	0.88	0.74	0.70	0.42	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Canada	6.65	5.94	1.76	1.67	1.36	11.70	9.94	6.71	0.00	0.00	-3.23	-32.52
	Indonesia	1.80	1.57	1.67	1.29	1.36	1.33	2.33	2.14	2.22	0.00	0.00	0.08
Pakistan Eastern Europe Poland Romania	3.49	3.44	3.58	1.25	1.16	1.07	4.38	3.99	3.82	0.00	0.00	-0.18	-4.38
	Pakistan	4.00	3.22	2.98	1.64	1.76	6.54	4.65	5.22	-0.02	-0.31	0.56	12.00
	Eastern Europe	0.55	0.44	0.45	2.08	2.19	1.13	0.96	1.10	0.00	0.00	0.14	14.70
	Poland	1.21	1.04	0.82	1.31	0.86	1.09	1.59	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hungary Turkey Philippines Mexico Others	0.76	0.45	0.48	1.56	1.61	1.68	1.19	0.72	0.81	0.00	0.00	0.08	11.19
	Turkey	1.32	1.25	1.29	1.67	1.48	2.21	1.85	1.89	0.00	0.00	0.03	1.89
	Philippines	0.03	0.03	0.03	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Mexico	0.33	0.27	0.28	1.48	1.48	1.53	0.48	0.40	0.41	0.00	0.00	0.01
Others	17.65	18.01	18.15	1.01	1.00	1.02	17.75	17.94	18.47	0.08	0.42	0.61	3.41

1/ Major oilseeds plus copra and palm kernel. 2/ Individual countries and regions include soybean, cottonseed, peanut (inshell), sunflowerseed, and rapeseed.

TABLE 12
Soybean Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2001/02 Proj.		Prel.		2001/02 Proj.		Prel.		2001/02 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
		Million hectares			Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	71.79	75.28	78.07	78.35	2.23	2.32	2.34	2.35	159.91	174.94	182.91	184.07	1.15	0.63	9.12	5.22
United States	29.32	29.30	29.54	29.54	2.46	2.56	2.66	2.66	72.22	75.06	78.67	78.67	0.00	0.00	3.61	4.82
Total Foreign	42.47	45.97	48.53	48.81	2.06	2.17	2.15	2.16	87.69	99.89	104.24	105.40	1.15	1.11	5.51	5.52
Major Exporters																
Brazil	23.33	25.60	28.05	28.30	2.50	2.73	2.66	2.67	58.30	70.00	74.55	75.55	1.00	1.34	5.55	7.93
Argentina	13.60	13.97	15.65	15.90	2.51	2.79	2.72	2.74	34.20	39.00	42.50	43.50	1.00	2.35	4.50	11.54
Paraguay	8.58	10.38	11.10	11.10	2.47	2.65	2.59	2.59	21.20	27.50	28.75	28.75	0.00	0.00	1.25	4.55
	1.15	1.25	1.30	1.30	2.52	2.80	2.54	2.54	2.90	3.50	3.30	3.30	0.00	0.00	-0.20	-5.71
Other Foreign																
China	19.14	20.37	20.47	20.51	1.54	1.47	1.45	1.46	29.39	29.89	29.69	29.85	0.15	0.52	-0.04	-0.13
India	8.00	9.20	9.10	9.10	1.79	1.67	1.70	1.70	14.29	15.40	15.45	15.45	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.32
Canada	5.65	5.80	5.80	5.80	0.92	0.91	0.97	0.97	5.20	5.25	5.60	5.60	0.00	0.00	0.35	6.67
Indonesia	1.00	1.06	1.01	1.01	2.77	2.55	1.58	1.58	2.78	2.70	1.60	1.60	0.00	0.00	-1.10	-40.70
Eastern Europe	1.10	0.90	1.00	1.00	1.18	1.28	1.20	1.20	1.30	1.15	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	0.05	4.35
European Union	0.27	0.25	0.22	0.22	2.49	1.23	2.12	2.08	0.67	0.31	0.46	0.46	-0.00	-0.87	0.14	45.83
FSU-12	0.37	0.35	0.39	0.39	3.13	3.01	3.20	3.21	1.15	1.04	1.25	1.24	-0.00	-0.24	0.20	19.73
Russia	0.48	0.40	0.50	0.50	0.79	1.01	0.80	0.80	0.38	0.41	0.40	0.40	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-1.48
Ukraine	0.44	0.34	0.45	0.45	0.76	1.01	0.78	0.78	0.33	0.34	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.01	2.34
Mexico	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.05	1.07	1.05	1.00	1.00	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-21.88
Thailand	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	1.56	1.36	1.46	1.46	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.02	14.29
North Korea	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.23	1.50	1.43	1.43	1.43	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Japan	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.13	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bolivia	0.11	0.12	0.14	0.14	1.73	1.91	1.88	1.88	0.19	0.24	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.04	14.89
South Korea	0.61	0.60	0.60	0.64	2.05	1.72	1.83	1.94	1.24	1.03	1.10	1.24	0.14	12.73	0.21	20.39
Colombia	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	1.33	1.31	1.31	1.31	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	2.00	2.70	2.00	2.32	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00	-0.00	-6.45
	0.84	0.97	0.98	0.98	1.46	1.46	1.43	1.45	1.23	1.41	1.40	1.42	0.02	1.43	0.01	0.71

TABLE 13

Cottonseed Area, Yield, and Production

World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2001/02 Proj.		Prel.		2001/02 Proj.		Prel.		2001/02 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
		Million hectares			Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	31.35	31.02	32.99	32.97	1.05	1.08	1.11	1.11	32.93	33.42	36.67	36.68	0.02	0.04	3.27	9.78
United States	5.43	5.28	5.59	5.59	1.06	1.11	1.22	1.22	5.76	5.84	6.83	6.83	0.00	0.00	1.00	17.06
Total Foreign	25.92	25.74	27.40	27.38	1.05	1.07	1.09	1.09	27.16	27.58	29.83	29.85	0.02	0.05	2.27	8.24
China	3.73	4.06	4.82	4.82	1.85	1.96	1.98	1.98	6.90	7.96	9.56	9.56	0.00	0.00	1.60	20.10
FSU-12	2.49	2.41	2.47	2.49	1.20	1.13	1.24	1.23	2.99	2.73	3.06	3.06	0.00	0.00	0.34	12.40
Uzbekistan	1.50	1.42	1.43	1.43	1.43	1.36	1.47	1.47	2.15	1.92	2.10	2.10	0.00	0.00	0.18	9.37
Turkmenistan	0.48	0.48	0.50	0.50	0.88	0.74	0.70	0.70	0.42	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
India	8.79	8.12	8.74	8.74	0.59	0.59	0.57	0.57	5.17	4.80	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.20	4.17
Pakistan	2.92	2.93	3.13	3.13	1.31	1.19	1.09	1.09	3.82	3.48	3.40	3.40	0.00	0.00	-0.08	-2.33
Brazil	0.75	0.90	0.77	0.77	1.48	1.70	1.66	1.66	1.11	1.53	1.27	1.27	0.00	0.00	-0.26	-16.78
Turkey	0.72	0.65	0.69	0.69	1.75	1.75	1.80	1.80	1.26	1.15	1.24	1.24	0.00	0.00	0.10	8.30
African Franc Zone	2.23	1.96	2.34	2.34	0.63	0.62	0.71	0.71	1.40	1.21	1.65	1.65	0.00	0.00	0.44	35.91
Australia	0.46	0.51	0.43	0.43	2.26	2.10	2.22	2.22	1.05	1.06	0.96	0.96	0.00	0.00	-0.11	-10.08
Egypt	0.27	0.22	0.32	0.32	1.37	1.37	1.60	1.60	0.38	0.31	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.20	64.38
Argentina	0.30	0.38	0.16	0.16	0.73	0.75	0.67	0.67	0.22	0.29	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	-0.18	-61.40
Paraguay	0.20	0.30	0.20	0.18	0.62	0.52	0.63	0.61	0.12	0.16	0.13	0.11	-0.02	-12.00	-0.05	-29.03
Greece	0.43	0.41	0.41	0.41	1.56	1.68	1.57	1.73	0.67	0.69	0.65	0.71	0.07	10.08	0.02	2.90
Syria	0.24	0.27	0.26	0.26	2.62	2.74	2.71	2.71	0.64	0.74	0.71	0.71	0.00	0.00	-0.03	-4.60
Mexico	0.15	0.08	0.10	0.09	1.51	1.65	1.58	1.76	0.23	0.13	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.02	15.38
Iran	0.21	0.26	0.20	0.20	0.90	0.83	0.84	0.84	0.19	0.22	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-21.86
Sudan	0.23	0.24	0.15	0.15	0.55	0.74	1.03	1.03	0.12	0.17	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-11.49
Others	1.80	2.05	2.23	2.21	0.50	0.47	0.51	0.50	0.90	0.97	1.14	1.10	-0.03	-2.99	0.13	13.49

TABLE 14
Peanut Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

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TABLE 15

Sunflowerseed Area, Yield, and Production

World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area						Yield						Production						Change in Production					
	Prel.						Prel.						Prel.						From last month				From last year	
	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	2001/02 Proj.		1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	2001/02 Proj.		1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	2001/02 Proj.		MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent		
World United States Total Foreign FSU-12 Russia Ukraine Argentina European Union France Spain Italy Eastern Europe Hungary Romania Serbia Bulgaria Czech Rep. China India Turkey South Africa Australia Burma Others	Million hectares						Metric tons per hectare						Million metric tons											
	23.68	20.36	19.24	19.28			1.15	1.14	1.10	1.10	1.10		27.22	23.31	21.16	21.24			0.08	0.40	-2.07	-8.87		
	1.39	1.07	1.04	1.04			1.41	1.50	1.51	1.51		1.97	1.61	1.58	1.58			0.00	0.00	-0.03	-1.80			
	22.28	19.29	18.19	18.24			1.13	1.13	1.08	1.08		25.25	21.71	19.58	19.67			0.08	0.43	-2.04	-9.40			
	8.79	7.95	6.68	6.68			0.83	0.98	0.81	0.81	0.81		7.26	7.76	5.38	5.38			0.00	0.00	-2.38	-30.64		
	5.59	4.63	3.80	3.80			0.74	0.85	0.71	0.71	0.71		4.15	3.92	2.70	2.70			0.00	0.00	-1.22	-31.03		
	2.78	2.84	2.40	2.40			0.98	1.22	0.94	0.94	0.94		2.72	3.46	2.25	2.25			0.00	0.00	-1.21	-34.91		
	3.48	1.89	2.00	2.00			1.73	1.62	1.70	1.70	1.70		6.00	3.05	3.40	3.40			0.00	0.00	0.35	11.48		
	2.04	1.92	2.05	1.96			1.58	1.74	1.60	1.64	1.64		3.21	3.33	3.28	3.22			-0.06	-1.74	-0.11	-3.25		
	0.82	0.71	0.76	0.76			2.35	2.55	2.24	2.24	2.24		1.92	1.81	1.70	1.70			0.00	0.00	-0.11	-6.23		
	0.84	0.84	0.94	0.86			0.69	1.02	1.01	1.04	1.04		0.58	0.85	0.95	0.89			-0.06	-6.00	0.05	5.31		
	0.26	0.26	0.23	0.23			2.00	1.89	1.96	1.96	1.96		0.52	0.50	0.45	0.45			0.00	0.00	-0.05	-9.27		
	2.46	1.90	1.65	1.65			1.31	1.10	1.28	1.27	1.27		3.21	2.09	2.11	2.09			-0.01	-0.57	0.00	0.14		
	0.53	0.30	0.32	0.32			1.50	1.67	1.72	1.72	1.72		0.80	0.50	0.55	0.55			0.00	0.00	0.05	10.00		
	1.05	0.86	0.70	0.70			1.24	0.82	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.30	0.70	0.70	0.70			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	0.18	0.15	0.17	0.17			1.48	1.48	1.76	1.76	1.76		0.27	0.22	0.30	0.30			0.00	0.00	0.08	38.89		
	0.52	0.45	0.33	0.33			1.10	0.93	0.94	0.94	0.94		0.57	0.42	0.31	0.31			0.00	0.00	-0.11	-26.19		
	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03			2.25	2.25	2.00	2.00	2.00		0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06			0.00	0.00	-0.00	-4.76		
	1.14	1.20	1.18	1.18			1.58	1.63	1.50	1.50	1.50		1.80	1.95	1.77	1.77			0.00	0.00	-0.18	-9.42		
	2.30	2.20	2.40	2.40			0.57	0.57	0.58	0.58	0.58		1.30	1.25	1.40	1.40			0.00	0.00	0.15	12.00		
	0.54	0.54	0.55	0.55			1.48	1.06	0.91	0.91	0.91		0.80	0.58	0.50	0.50			0.00	0.00	-0.08	-13.04		
	0.40	0.52	0.62	0.65			1.38	1.22	1.27	1.30	1.30		0.55	0.64	0.79	0.84			0.05	6.33	0.21	32.28		
	0.12	0.07	0.11	0.11			1.23	1.01	1.10	1.10	1.10		0.15	0.07	0.12	0.12			0.00	0.00	0.05	64.29		
	0.32	0.45	0.45	0.45			0.59	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60		0.19	0.27	0.27	0.27			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	0.70	0.66	0.52	0.62			1.12	1.10	1.12	1.10	1.10		0.79	0.73	0.58	0.68			0.10	17.91	-0.05	-6.74		

TABLE 16

Rapeseed Area, Yield, and Production

World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area						Yield						Production						Change in Production			
	Prel.			2001/02 Proj.			Prel.			2001/02 Proj.			Prel.			2001/02 Proj.			From last month		From last year	
	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent		
	Million hectares						Metric tons per hectare						Million metric tons									
World	26.84	25.12	24.64	24.63			1.58	1.49	1.48	1.46			42.44	37.56	36.41	36.03	-0.38	-1.04	-1.53	-4.07		
United States	0.42	0.61	0.59	0.59			1.46	1.50	1.54	1.54			0.62	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.00	0.00	-0.00	-0.11		
Total Foreign	26.42	24.52	24.05	24.04			1.58	1.49	1.48	1.46			41.81	36.65	35.50	35.13	-0.38	-1.06	-1.53	-4.16		
India	5.64	5.02	5.35	5.35			0.91	0.74	0.86	0.86			5.11	3.73	4.60	4.60	0.00	0.00	0.88	23.49		
China	6.90	7.49	8.05	8.05			1.47	1.52	1.45	1.41			10.13	11.38	11.70	11.32	-0.38	-3.25	-0.06	-0.54		
Canada	5.56	4.82	3.85	3.85			1.58	1.48	1.30	1.30			8.80	7.12	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	-2.12	-29.77		
European Union	3.56	3.04	3.02	3.02			3.22	2.97	2.86	2.86			11.47	9.03	8.64	8.63	-0.01	-0.13	-0.41	-4.50		
France	1.34	1.23	1.10	1.10			3.32	2.91	2.64	2.64			4.45	3.57	2.90	2.90	0.00	0.00	-0.67	-18.74		
Germany	1.20	1.08	1.15	1.15			3.58	3.33	3.39	3.39			4.29	3.59	3.90	3.90	0.00	0.00	0.32	8.79		
United Kingdom	0.54	0.40	0.44	0.44			3.23	2.88	2.61	2.61			1.74	1.16	1.15	1.15	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.61		
Denmark	0.15	0.10	0.08	0.08			2.70	2.95	2.68	2.68			0.41	0.29	0.22	0.22	0.00	0.00	-0.08	-25.68		
Sweden	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.04			2.13	2.61	2.68	2.68			0.16	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-4.35		
Eastern Europe	1.27	1.07	1.11	1.11			2.10	2.09	2.40	2.40			2.65	2.25	2.66	2.66	0.00	0.00	0.41	18.33		
Poland	0.55	0.44	0.45	0.45			2.08	2.19	2.47	2.47			1.13	0.96	1.10	1.10	0.00	0.00	0.14	14.70		
Czech Rep.	0.33	0.34	0.34	0.34			2.63	2.52	2.88	2.88			0.85	0.84	0.98	0.98	0.00	0.00	0.14	16.11		
Australia	1.91	1.56	1.20	1.20			1.29	1.22	1.42	1.42			2.46	1.91	1.70	1.70	0.00	0.00	-0.20	-10.76		
FSU-12	0.67	0.60	0.56	0.55			0.58	0.67	0.69	0.73			0.39	0.40	0.39	0.40	0.01	3.63	0.00	0.50		
Russia	0.25	0.22	0.22	0.22			0.55	0.67	0.67	0.67			0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Pakistan	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33			0.85	0.91	0.86	0.86			0.28	0.30	0.28	0.28	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-5.72		
Bangladesh	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34			0.74	0.74	0.74	0.74			0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Others	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24			1.13	1.23	1.19	1.19			0.27	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-2.38		

TABLE 17
Copra, Palm Kernel, and Palm Oil Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Production				Change in Production			
	1999/00	Prel. 2000/01	2001/02 Proj. Feb.	Mar.	From last month		From last year	
	Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
COPRA								
World	5.44	5.71	5.69	5.69	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-0.37
Philippines	2.35	2.50	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Indonesia	1.32	1.45	1.45	1.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
India	0.73	0.73	0.70	0.70	0.00	0.00	-0.03	-3.45
Mexico	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.04
Sri Lanka	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vietnam	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Malaysia	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.57	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PALM KERNEL								
World	6.41	6.87	7.20	7.22	0.01	0.19	0.35	5.10
Malaysia	3.08	3.41	3.55	3.55	0.00	0.00	0.14	4.04
Indonesia	2.12	2.25	2.40	2.40	0.00	0.00	0.15	6.67
Nigeria	0.35	0.32	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.03	9.38
Cote d'Ivoire	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	-0.00	-1.72	0.00	9.62
Colombia	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.01	13.04	0.01	7.44
Thailand	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Zaire	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecuador	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.01	16.67
Others	0.46	0.47	0.48	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.01	2.34
PALM OIL								
World	21.79	23.69	24.61	24.63	0.02	0.08	0.93	3.94
Malaysia	10.49	11.94	12.20	12.20	0.00	0.00	0.26	2.20
Indonesia	7.20	7.60	8.10	8.10	0.00	0.00	0.50	6.58
Nigeria	0.76	0.73	0.76	0.76	0.00	0.00	0.03	4.11
Cote d'Ivoire	0.28	0.25	0.28	0.27	-0.00	-1.82	0.02	8.87
Colombia	0.52	0.56	0.55	0.58	0.02	4.55	0.01	2.68
Thailand	0.71	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Zaire	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecuador	0.24	0.25	0.30	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.06	22.45
Others	1.44	1.50	1.55	1.55	0.00	0.00	0.05	3.20

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TABLE 18
Cotton Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change In Production			
	Prel.		2001/02 Proj.		Prel.		2001/02 Proj.		Prel.		2001/02 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	1999/00	2000/01	Feb.	Mar.	MBales	Percent	MBales	Percent
	Million hectares				Kilograms per hectare				Million 480 lb. bales				MBales	Percent	MBales	Percent
World	32.34	31.95	33.98	33.96	588	603	621	623	87.35	88.53	96.87	97.16	0.29	0.30	8.63	9.75
United States	5.43	5.28	5.59	5.59	680	708	782	782	16.97	17.19	20.08	20.08	0.00	0.00	2.90	16.85
Total Foreign	26.91	26.67	28.39	28.37	570	582	589	591	70.38	71.34	76.79	77.08	0.29	0.38	5.74	8.04
Major Exporters	14.39	14.59	15.53	15.53	754	776	792	794	49.81	52.00	56.49	56.64	0.16	0.27	4.64	8.92
China	3.73	4.06	4.82	4.82	1,028	1,089	1,102	1,102	17.60	20.30	24.40	24.40	0.00	0.00	4.10	20.20
Pakistan	2.92	2.93	3.13	3.13	642	610	543	556	8.60	8.20	7.80	8.00	0.20	2.56	-0.20	-2.44
Sudan	0.23	0.24	0.15	0.15	232	315	435	435	0.24	0.34	0.30	0.30	0.00	0.00	-0.04	-11.76
Turkey	0.72	0.65	0.69	0.69	1,100	1,198	1,234	1,234	3.63	3.60	3.90	3.90	0.00	0.00	0.30	8.33
FSU-12	2.49	2.41	2.47	2.49	638	582	638	632	7.30	6.44	7.24	7.24	0.00	0.00	0.80	12.43
Uzbekistan	1.50	1.42	1.43	1.43	752	677	731	731	5.18	4.40	4.80	4.80	0.00	0.00	0.40	9.09
Turkmenistan	0.48	0.48	0.50	0.50	481	401	392	392	1.05	0.88	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.00	0.02	2.86
Other	0.52	0.52	0.54	0.56	452	489	621	595	1.07	1.16	1.54	1.54	0.00	0.00	0.37	32.33
Egypt	0.27	0.22	0.32	0.32	841	898	985	985	1.06	0.92	1.43	1.43	0.00	0.00	0.51	54.89
African Franc Zone	2.33	2.05	2.44	2.44	363	342	399	399	3.88	3.22	4.48	4.48	0.00	0.00	1.26	39.13
Southern Hemisphere	1.71	2.04	1.51	1.49	954	960	999	1,006	7.50	8.99	6.95	6.90	-0.04	-0.65	-2.08	-23.21
Argentina	0.30	0.38	0.16	0.16	417	421	374	374	0.57	0.74	0.28	0.28	0.00	0.00	-0.46	-61.90
Australia	0.46	0.51	0.42	0.42	1,623	1,595	1,555	1,555	3.46	3.70	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	-0.70	-18.92
Brazil	0.75	0.85	0.73	0.73	898	1,047	984	984	3.10	4.10	3.30	3.30	0.00	0.00	-0.80	-19.51
Paraguay	0.20	0.30	0.20	0.18	410	327	397	387	0.37	0.45	0.37	0.32	-0.05	-12.33	-0.13	-28.89
Major Importers	0.59	0.56	0.56	0.56	994	1,002	964	1,041	2.70	2.56	2.49	2.69	0.20	8.03	0.13	5.24
Other Foreign	11.93	11.52	12.30	12.28	326	317	315	315	17.87	16.78	17.81	17.74	-0.07	-0.36	0.96	5.74
India	8.79	8.12	8.74	8.74	302	292	294	294	12.18	10.90	11.80	11.80	0.00	0.00	0.90	8.26
Others	3.14	3.40	3.56	3.54	395	377	367	365	5.69	5.88	6.01	5.94	-0.07	-1.08	0.06	1.09

TABLE 19

The table below presents a 20-year record of the differences between the March projection and the final estimate. Using world wheat production as an example, changes between the March projection and the final estimate have averaged 2.7 million tons (0.5 percent) and ranged from -8.0 to 6.9 million tons. The March projection has been below the final 14 times and above the final 6 times.

RELIABILITY OF PRODUCTION PROJECTIONS

COMMODITY AND REGION	PROJECTION AND FINAL ESTIMATES, 1981/82 - 2000/01 1/					
	Difference		Lowest	Highest	Below Final	Above Final
	Average	Average	Difference			
	Percent	---Million metric tons---			Number of years 2/	
WHEAT						
World	0.5	2.7	-8.0	6.9	14	6
U.S.	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.1	9	5
Foreign	0.6	2.7	-8.0	6.9	13	6
COARSE GRAINS 3/						
World	0.8	6.7	-17.3	10.9	15	5
U.S.	0.1	0.1	-0.2	1.3	10	5
Foreign	1.0	6.1	-17.3	10.9	14	5
RICE (Milled)						
World	1.2	4.1	-13.7	3.4	16	4
U.S.	0.9	0.0	-0.2	0.2	5	3
Foreign	1.1	3.4	-9.9	3.3	15	4
SOYBEANS						
World	1.6	1.8	-4.2	2.6	12	8
U.S.	1.0	0.6	-1.6	1.8	8	9
Foreign	2.5	1.5	-4.6	2.6	12	7
			---Million 480-lb. bales---			
COTTON						
World	1.2	1.0	-2.9	3.0	11	8
U.S.	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.3	5	14
Foreign	1.4	1.0	-3.2	2.9	11	7
UNITED STATES			-----Million bushels-----			
CORN	0.1	2	-8	38	1	1
SORGHUM	0.1	0	0	4	0	2
BARLEY	0.4	2	-3	11	9	3
OATS	0.1	0	-2	1	4	2

1/ The final estimate for 1981/82-2000/01 is defined as the first November estimate following the marketing year.

2/ May not total 20 if projection was the same as the final.

3/ Includes corn, sorghum, barley, oats, rye, millet, and mixed grain.

WORLD AGRICULTURAL WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

March 8, 2002

1 - UNITED STATES

In California and Arizona, dry weather favored fieldwork but increased stress on dryland crops. Meanwhile, high-elevation snow packs were well below normal across the central and southern Rockies and the Southwest, increasing concerns about summer water supplies. Snow packs remained mostly above normal in the Northwest, despite a lack of February storminess. Farther east, mostly dry, breezy weather and temperature extremes continued to stress the High Plains' winter wheat crop. At month's end, some of the coldest air of the season swept across the Plains, accompanied by a widespread snowfall that provided much-needed moisture and insulation for wheat. However, the snow bypassed the southern High Plains' wheat crop, which was exposed to potentially damaging cold. The suddenly cold, snowy weather pattern persisted into early March across most of the Plains and Midwest, providing beneficial soil moisture recharge but increasing livestock stress. Meanwhile, dryness intensified across southern Texas and much of the middle and southern Atlantic regions.

2 - SOUTH AMERICA

Across portions of central Argentina, below-normal February rainfall reduced soil moisture for filling summer crops, especially second-crop soybeans. However, slightly below-normal temperatures reduced crop water use and helped to ease crop stress. Near- to above-normal rainfall favored summer crops in central and southern Buenos Aires. In southern Brazil, slightly below-normal February rainfall reduced soil moisture for filling soybeans in Rio Grande do Sul, but not to the extent of January's drought. Elsewhere, rainfall maintained adequate to abundant soil moisture for filling to maturing summer crops, although excessive rainfall in Mato Grosso may have slowed soybean maturation.

3 - EUROPE

Unseasonably mild weather continued across Europe in February and early March, causing winter grains to lose cold hardiness in the north. Although the increasingly mild weather supported new crop growth in parts of southern Europe, below-normal rainfall in southern Spain and extreme southeastern Europe hindered this development. Near-normal rainfall in northern Italy improved moisture supplies for future summer crop development following winter dryness, while frequent rainfall in northern and central Europe maintained abundant moisture supplies for dormant winter grains.

7 - SOUTH ASIA

During February, showers benefited winter grains and oilseeds across Pakistan and northern India.

8 - EASTERN ASIA

During February, unseasonably warm weather (monthly temperatures averaging 4-6 degrees C above normal) across the North China Plain prompted winter wheat to break dormancy earlier than normal. Seasonably dry weather continued across the region, necessitating supplemental irrigation. In the Yangtze Valley, near- to above-normal February and early March rainfall boosted moisture supplies for winter crops. Across the southern coastal provinces, however, much-below-normal February rainfall reduced moisture supplies for sugarcane, winter crops, and early rice and summer crop planting.

9 - SOUTHEAST ASIA

In February, dry weather reduced moisture supplies for oil palm in peninsular Malaysia. In Java, Indonesia, heavy showers caused flooding, causing some damage to main-season rice. Warm weather favored development of winter-spring rice in northern Vietnam. Near-normal rainfall boosted moisture supplies for second-season crops in eastern and southern Luzon, Philippines, as well as, Mindanao, Philippines.

10 - AUSTRALIA

Since early February, scattered showers benefited cotton and sorghum in New South Wales. However, the rain came too late for mature sorghum in Queensland's northern growing areas, stressed by earlier heat and dryness.

11 - SOUTH AFRICA

A drying trend continued in northern and eastern sections of the corn belt through February, but seasonable temperatures lowered crop moisture demands and reduced the potential for stress. March showers brought some relief to filling summer crops.



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4 - FSU-WESTERN

In February, overwintering conditions were mostly favorable for winter grains, although above-normal temperatures caused some loss of winter hardiness and melted protective snow cover. Above-normal precipitation boosted moisture reserves in northern Ukraine and most of Russia. Since early March, unseasonably mild, dry weather in southern Ukraine and southernmost areas in Russia likely prompted early spring fieldwork.

5 - NORTHWESTERN AFRICA

In February, drought developed across most of Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia, stressing winter grains in the vegetative stage. Since early March, light to moderate showers overspread most of the region, stabilizing crop conditions.

6 - MIDDLE EAST AND TURKEY

Warmer-than-normal weather continued throughout the region, spurring winter wheat growth and increasing early crop moisture demands. Periodic showers benefited semi-dormant to reproductive winter wheat, although dry pockets persisted in northwestern Iran.

March Normal Crop Calendar

Summer crops



Winter crops



* Moisture / Temperature Sensitive Stage of Development

April Normal Crop Calendar

Summer crops



Winter crops



* Moisture / Temperature Sensitive Stage of Development

WEATHER BRIEFS

Mexico: Rainfall Above Normal In The South

During January 2002, near-to above-normal rainfall was concentrated in central Mexico (from Zacatecas and southern Nuevo Leon southward to Michoacan and Guerrero, increasing moisture supplies for winter crops. January rainfall also provided moisture for winter crops in Chiapas and Tabasco. During the first week of February moderate widespread rain (and snow in the upper elevations) fell across northwestern Mexico, benefiting winter grains and helping recharge reservoirs. Rainfall also continued across Tabasco and the Yucatan Peninsula. From February 8 –14, heavier unseasonable rain fell across Tabasco and the Yucatan Peninsula, keeping winter crops well watered. Rainfall also returned that week to north and northeast Mexico. During the rest of February, moderate to heavy rains continued from Tabasco to Yucatan. Dryness returned to northern Mexico, and the drought continued in Rio Grande Valley bordering Texas.

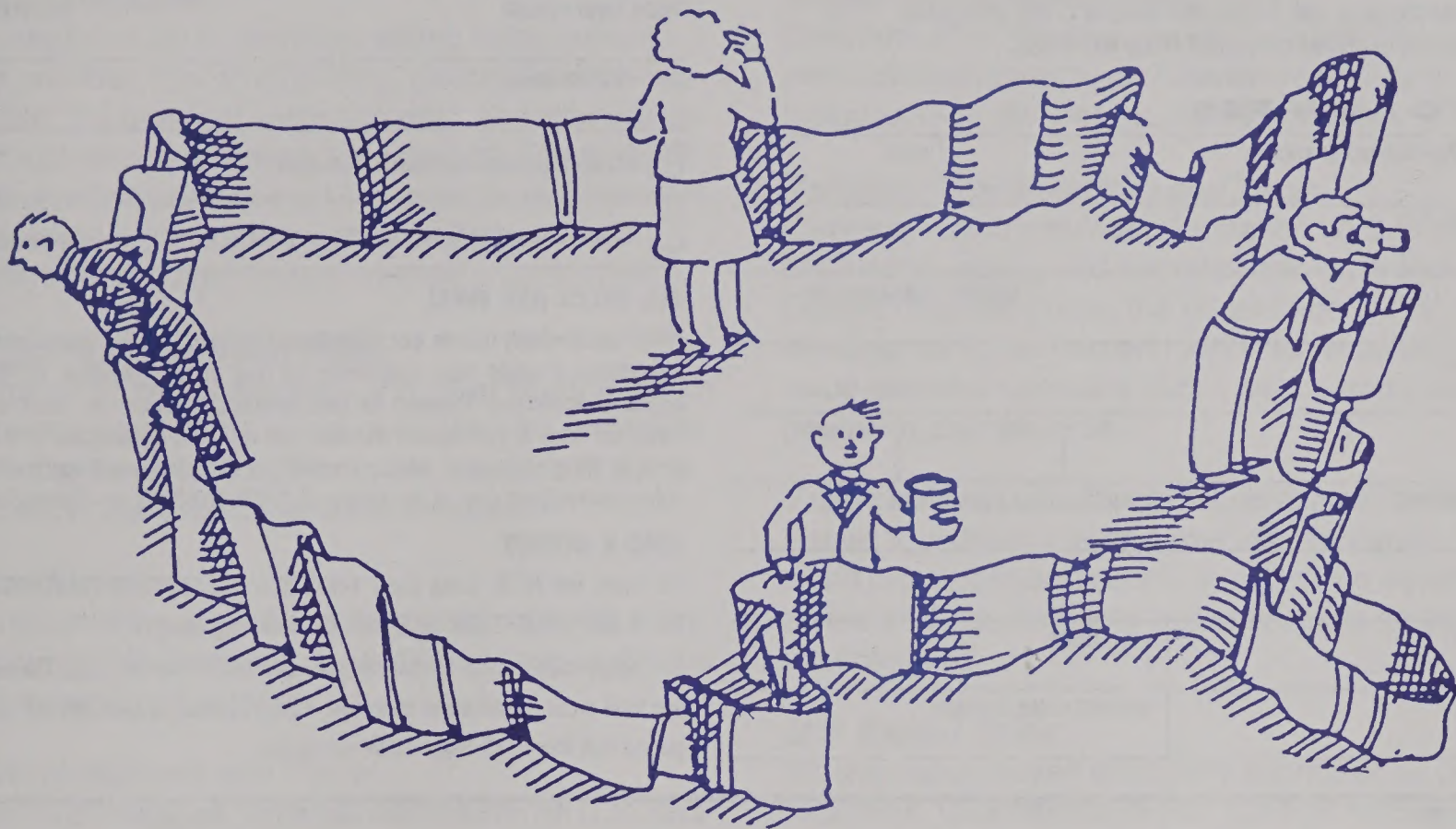
Northwestern Africa: Morocco and Western Algeria Are Dangerously Dry

For the most part, drought continued across Morocco and Algeria (western and central areas) during February 2002. The most significant rain that fell in Morocco during the month fell during the week of February 24 through March 2. This rain event brought more than 25 millimeters to the coastal northwest, as well as 10-25 millimeters to some of the major winter grain growing areas in the central region. During that week, Algeria and Tunisia were dry. During the week of February 17 – 23, light showers (5 – 15 millimeters) fell throughout Morocco and most of Algeria providing some relief to winter grains from long-term dryness. However, that week heavier showers (10 – 30 millimeters) fell across eastern Algeria and Tunisia. Central and eastern Algeria and Tunisia received another significant dose of rain (10 – 30 millimeters) during February 3 – 9. Temperatures during February were generally 2 – 4 degrees Celsius above normal, compounding the negative impact of the dryness. At the beginning of March, winter grains are approaching the reproductive and filling stages of development. At these stages, moisture levels become most critical.

South Africa: Light Frequent Showers Maintained Favorable Summer Crop Conditions

During January 2002, frequent showers and normal temperatures maintained generally favorable conditions for reproductive summer crops in southern and western sections of the Corn Belt. Shower activity tapered off in early January in the east, but additional rain and mild temperatures benefited summer crop reproduction by month's end. During the first 10 days of February, drier and warmer weather dominated the Corn Belt, spurring the development of reproductive to filling summer crops. Pockets of dryness persisted through mid-February over parts of the eastern Corn Belt and eastern sections of the North West, while moderate to heavy showers returned to the western sections of the Corn Belt and continued over the southern sugarcane areas of KwaZulu-Natal. The week of February 17 – 23 was mostly dry across the entire Corn Belt, although below-normal temperatures limited the stress to crops. In late February and early March, seasonable temperatures and scattered showers favored the continued development of corn, sunflowers, and other summer crops in the filling stage. Harvesting will begin in April and continue through July.

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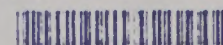
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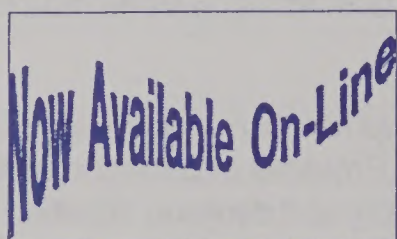


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